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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 August 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Erroneously using "the motherboard" on line 4, page 5 has created informalities, such as: one numeral 2 designating two different elements, and two numerals 2 and 11 designating one element.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities: Referring to the informalities pointed out in paragraph hereinabove, "a keyboard on a surface of the motherboard" cited in claim 6 appears in error. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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4. Claims 1-4 and 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Janik et al. (US 6,212,069 B1).

Janik teaches a notebook computer (20, fig. 1) comprising: a display assembly (24) comprising a LCD (30) fitted on its front surface, and an internal motherboard (50) coupled to the LCD, and a computer case (22) comprising a power supply (battery pack 74) and an input/output interface (68), wherein the power supply assembly is electrically coupled to the motherboard by means of a power cord (78) for supplying a rated power to the motherboard (see col. 8, lines 26-36), and the I/O interface is coupled to the motherboard by means of a data cable (78) so that data can be communicated between the I/O interface and the motherboard (also see col. 8, lines 26-36) (claims 1, and 3-4); a plurality of vent openings (92, fig. 22) on the display assembly for dissipating heat (claim 2); a keyboard (72) on a surface (84) of the computer case (claim 6); a plurality of I/O ports (66) on a surface (see figs. 9 and 11, not labeled) of the computer case, the I/O ports being coupled to the motherboard (see figs. 8-9) (claim 7); at least one data read/write storage device (62) in the computer case, the data read/write storage device being coupled to the I/O interface (claim 8); a network connecting device (66) in the computer case, the network connecting device being coupled to the I/O interface (claim 9); and a pointing device (76) on the surface of the computer case, the pointing device being coupled to the I/O interface (claim 10).

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5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Janik et al. in view of May et al. (US 5,757,616).

Janik discloses the claimed invention except showing an audio assembly in the computer case.

May teaches a notebook computer (10, fig. 1) comprising an audio assembly (280) in the computer case, the audio assembly being coupled to the I/O interface (see fig. 13).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Janik with the audio assembly taught by May for adding audio capability to the system since an audio assembly may be a necessary feature of a computer system.

Correspondence


7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yean-Hsi Chang whose telephone number is (571) 272-2038. The examiner can normally be reached on 08:00 - 16:00, Monday - Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Art Unit phone number is (571) 272-2800, ext. 35. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-8558.

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